

## Message Text

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ACTION ARA-14

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SHUM  
SUBJECT: REGIONALLY-FOCUSSED SPEECHES ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
REF: STATE 176956

1. TRINIDADIAN REACTION TO U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES  
AS THEY AFFECT TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO HAS BEEN QUIETLY SUP-  
PORTIVE. DESPITE OCCASIONAL CHALLENGE FROM A FEW SPECIAL  
INTEREST GROUPS, TRINIDADIAN'S SEE THEMSELVES AND THEIR  
COUNTRY AS SETTING AN EXAMPLE IN HUMAN RIGHTS THAT OTHERS  
MIGHT WELL EMULATE AND ARE PROUD OF THEIR RECORD IN THIS  
AREA.

2. THIS WAS SHOWN AS RECENTLY AS FRIDAY, JULY 14, WHEN  
FOREIGN MINISTER JOHN DONALDSON, IN DISCUSSION GOT RATI-  
FICATIONS OF THE COVENANTS ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL, AND  
ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS OF 1966 NOW PENDING  
BEFORE THE PARLIAMENT, EMPHASIZED THAT "EVERY SINGLE  
ARTICLE OF THE COVENANTS IS ALREADY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
LAW."

3. CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE UNABLE TO SUGGEST RECENT ACTIONS  
OR ANY CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT POLICY IN THIS AREA THAT WOULD  
BE USEFUL TO THE BUREAU. FOX

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## Message Attributes

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